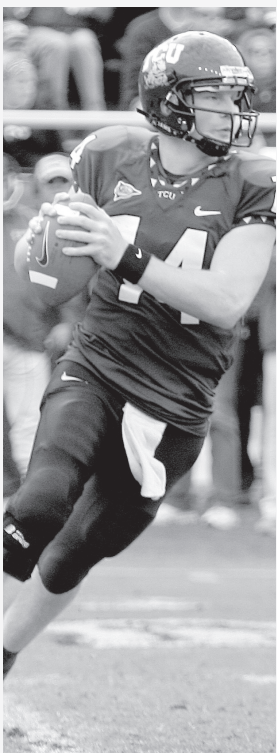


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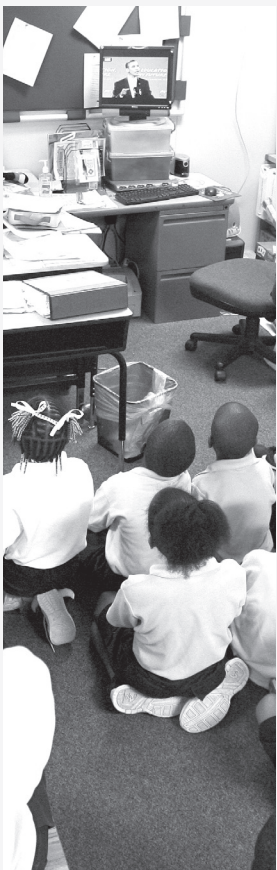
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FALL CONVOCATION

BIG MAN ON CAMPUS



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

Chancellor Victor Boschini hands the Chancellor's Award to chemistry professor Jeffrey Coffey at Convocation on Tuesday. The Chancellor's Award is given to a tenured member of the faculty who is an associate or full professor and has at least seven years of teaching at TCU. Coffey has advised over 15 Ph.D. candidates received 3 patents for his work.

Boschini: School on solid ground

By Austin Pearson
Staff Reporter

This year's convocation had a different tone than most.

"Spread the love, I'm going back to the sixties," said Chancellor Victor Boschini as he commenced Fall Convocation where he discussed how the economic downturn has been affecting the university and its plans to move forward strategically and remain on solid financial grounds.

Boschini began the event by welcoming the class of 2013.

"In general I'm going to spread the love, (but) especially I'm going to spread it over those

1,824 new students we have, because these students are the lifeblood of Texas Christian University and they're going to make this an even better place than it is now," he said.

The university's endowment fared much better than many others, but even it could not escape the economic situation unscathed, Boschini said. He then went on to talk about how other institutions and the university have taken measures to confront the economic downturn.

"The larger the share of the annual budget provided by the endowment, the more profound the negative impact," Boschini

said. "At TCU that figure is 16 percent, but many other schools are much more dependent upon their endowment income to balance their budgets. Virtually all schools are looking at cutbacks in some areas."

Boschini then said the university has been prepared for such times, noting that the university is in a solid position.

"We are being carried forward on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, those who have made wise, conservative and prudent financial choices in the past," he said. "TCU's

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STUDY ABROAD

Students to promote international travel

By Melanie Cruthirds
Staff Reporter

The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad has introduced the new Veteran International Student Ambassador Program for returning students looking to share their experiences with potential student globetrotters beginning this fall.

Lisa Ellor, study abroad coordinator, wrote in an e-mail that the initiative, also called the VISA Corps, aims to draw on the exposure study abroad alums receive during their travels in order to inform and assist other university students.

"A good VISA Corps candidate is a student who can utilize his or her own study abroad experience to offer guidance ... to others," Ellor wrote.

Applicants to the program can expect to serve as Study Abroad Ambassadors during their participation and will have ongoing collaboration with the Center for International Studies, Ellor wrote. She also said VISA Corps representatives will be involved with pre-departure presentations and serve as peer advisers to other students considering study abroad.

In addition to peer advising, recruiting and promotional services are at the center of a student's role as a VISA Corps participant, Ellor wrote. These activities will serve as outlets for returning students to share their passion and enthusiasm for the travel experience with underclassmen.

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"The key for a good candidate would be the ability to move beyond the tourist experience and articulate the qualities of a global leader and responsible citizen."

Lisa Ellor
study abroad coordinator

leader and responsible citizen," Ellor wrote.

Macy Zander, a junior environmental and political science major, said she thinks the VISA Corps program has the potential to assure interested students of their decision to leave the university

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ADMISSION

Common application becomes an option

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Applying to college can be a daunting and tedious task. This year, the university plans to help ease the process.

The university has joined 46 other Texas colleges in using the ApplyTexas application, or the former Texas Common Application.

The ApplyTexas application allows students to use one application to apply to all public schools and select private and community colleges in the state of Texas for undergraduate and graduate admission, according to ApplyTexas.org. Students can also use the online service to apply for scholarships and housing.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the university decided to use the application because about 70 percent of applicants come from Texas, and most of those students use the common application anyway to apply to a large number of schools in the state.

While the large percentage of Texans influenced the university to use the application, school officials also

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HEALTH

Study aims to evaluate energy drink effectiveness

By Lauren Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Are energy drinks really that different from Coca-Cola?

Melody Phillips, an assistant professor of kinesiology, and her team of six students, both graduate and undergraduate, are trying to find out through a research study that began in April.

The study began with a senior research project.

"A student brought a paper to me, a research paper from a journal, that investigated the influence of Red Bull, a popular energy drink, on exercise performance and memory performance," Phillips said.

Phillips said the research looked as though it could be expanded upon, and it looked publishable. For the past several months, Phillips and her students have been collecting data on energy drinks and cycling.

The original question revolved around the benefits of the extra ingredients in energy drinks, Phillips said. The students involved in the research study wanted to know whether sugar and caffeine were the most active ingredients, or whether any of the other ingredients that are in energy drinks actually improved performance.

Phillips said energy drinks contain many other ingredients, such as taurine and glucuronolactone.

"In two different journal articles they did not control this really simple experimental design," Phillips said. "They didn't control for the caffeine and the sugar, which both have been shown to improve performance."

Phillips said it turned into a

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project that combined with her graduate-level exercise metabolism and endocrinology class.

Graduate student Jonathan Woodson was in Phillips’ metabolism class and became involved in the project.

The study involved gathering data from various cyclists who were working under controlled conditions, Phillips said. The effects of energy drinks were compared to Coca-Cola and sparkling water. The research team primarily focused on the caffeine and sugar content.

Phillips said the Coca-Cola was set to match the levels of caffeine and sugar in the energy drink. The sparkling water contained no caffeine or sugar.

The cyclists involved in the study had to meet certain criteria, such as a certain level of fitness, Phillips said. Any cyclists who consumed no caffeine, or cyclists that consumed more caffeine than an equivalent of five cups of coffee per day were excluded from the study.

“They were trained cyclists, and there were a set of physiological criteria that they had to meet,” Phillips said.

Cycling was the exercise form of choice because it had been used in similar studies, so it was easy to compare, and it also worked as a good control, Phillips said.

The participants ranged from 20 to 40 in age, Woodson said.

“We did a lot of our recruiting at some local races; we put fliers out,” he said.

“They come in, usually about 7 in the morning, take some baseline measurements, give them their drink, and then they’d have to rest for about 30 minutes.”

Jonathan Woodson
graduate student

Subjects received no money for their participation but were given tests that they would have had to pay for if not for the study. Among these tests were maximal oxygen consumption tests and body fat percentage tests.

The 12 participants came in to be studied four separate times, Woodson said.

The first was introductory, but the next three were used to compare the different drinks.

Woodson said the subjects cycled for 25 miles each time. They had blood drawn to compare the results.

“They come in, usually about 7 in the morning, take some baseline measurements, give them their drink, and then they’d have to rest for about 30 minutes,” Woodson said.

After they rested, baseline blood samples were taken before they began their workout, Woodson said.

There is still work to be done before the results can be published, Phillips said.

“All of the data has been collected, and we are now in the process of doing all the blood analysis,” Phillips said. “Hopefully we’ll get them all done this semester.”

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for an entire semester. After consulting with several former students who completed international study, Zander decided to travel to Perth, Australia, in the spring.

Ellor wrote that students who live and study abroad for any length of time often view it as an eye-opening experience; the VISA Corps program enables these students to share their new worldview.

“In many ways they return as a transformed person; they feel more confident, independent and full of a greater awareness of self,” Ellor wrote.

According to the Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad Web site, a student returning from international study, like Zander, would be eligible to apply for the program as a study abroad alum. The site also provides more

information about potential study destinations as well as the VISA Corps application process.

Bianca Allen, a financial aid adviser, said more university students are opting for international study than ever before and those looking to travel should know their options.

“You’re never actually aware of what opportunities may be out there unless you actually apply for them,” Allen said.

The amount of financial aid a student currently receives can be applied toward their study abroad experience, as long as the student maintains enrollment requirements, Allen said.

The first major activity for VISA Corps participants will be the Study Abroad Fair on Sept. 23.

More information about study abroad can be found at www.studyabroad.tcu.edu.

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considered the difficulty of submitting supplemental information to schools.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the addition of the ApplyTexas application should have a positive impact.

“I think a lot of time we forget because we’re so familiar with college ... but it’s a pretty mysterious process (applying to college) for a lot of kids and if it makes it easier, I’m all for it,” he said.

Brown said the ApplyTexas application allows students to apply to the schools they want without filling out a different application every time.

In addition to submitting

the ApplyTexas application, students must submit supplements to each school. The supplements include test scores, resumes, transcripts and letters of recommendation, according to the ApplyTexas Web site.

Brown said as a result of using the ApplyTexas application, the university expects to receive 15 to 20 percent more applications, a more selective admissions process and more male applicants to apply because of the easier application method.

“Right or wrong, guys tend to not take this process as seriously as women do,” Brown said. “If there can be a more streamlined version of (applying to college) that might encourage more guys to get into the process.”

Boschini said he saw no drawbacks to the ApplyTexas application.

“To me it seems like a win-win,” he said. “It’s a win for the applicant, and it’s a win for the schools.”

Brown said that while the university expects to receive more applications, students may not complete their applications at a rate they would if they used the university application.

The university tries new ideas every admissions season, Brown said. This year it is the ApplyTexas application, but the university plans to discontinue using the application if it receives a large number of applications from students not serious about attending the university.

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administration began making adjustments long before the market and economy hit bottom, including cost reductions throughout the university.”

Boschini said the board of trustees agreed to keep the endowment constant and that they wanted to keep using the momentum that the university has built.

“What we’re basically saying is that we’re ensuring the future of this university,” he said. “We’re continuing to build our budget on our more modest number – not the number of new students ... We’ll have them for four years, but I don’t want to get addicted to the income they’ll bring in.”



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The Skiff View

Lack of parking spaces escalates to frustration

Looking for a parking space on campus? No problem. Just make your way to the commuter parking lots by 8 a.m. before they fill up. Don't have class until 9 a.m.? No worries there either. There are always the parking lots by the football stadium.

The parking situation on campus has long been a topic of complaint among those who frequent the lots, but this semester it has reached a new level of hair-pulling frustration. Finding a convenient spot close to the building you need has become nearly impossible. Even the overflow lot on Sandage Avenue has been full at peak times.

When you show up to a parking lot 30 minutes early for the sole purpose of finding a space and you still leave empty handed and arrive late to class, it becomes very clear that there's a problem.

When the lack of parking begins to interfere with academics, something has to change.

Just as the university made an adjustment when it ran out of housing for freshmen, it should also make adjustments to the campus parking lots. Think of parking spaces as dorm rooms for those who live off campus.

The construction of a garage has long been debated, with cost and attractiveness being the main deterrents. Cost is always an issue, but most students would probably be willing to fork over a bit more cash for a parking sticker if they knew it would lead to the construction of a garage and an additional 200 spaces.

It doesn't matter if the campus has more than 8,000 parking spots when the majority of them are located by the football stadium on the opposite side of campus. Students pay way too much money at this university to be forced to work themselves into a nervous wreck looking for a parking spot before their days even begin.

News editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

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Michael Lauck's point about increasing government regulation, while true, avoids the basic truth that we as members of society reap what we sow. If there weren't so many people proven to be talking or texting on a phone when they got into an accident, then we wouldn't need so many laws about what we may or may not do. Let's face it: we haven't exactly shown ourselves to be the safest drivers, and when it comes to school zones, I for one wouldn't mind a few less children getting hit per year, even if it means (God forbid) I have to wait 30 seconds to call someone.

The government has a responsibility to protect its citizens and it'd be tough to argue that a) preventing people from being distracted in school zones, and b) making sure everyone wears a seat belt, have the potential to hurt people. Now, I know Lauck asserted that "there are many studies that say that buckled drivers are also more likely to get in accidents because they feel safer in their cars," but not only have I never seen such a study (through an admittedly brief Google search), not all accidents are the driver's fault.

And if you want to say that your life is your own, and you can choose whether or not to wear a seat-belt, I have to ask, how lazy are you?

It seems to me that we hear about more people dying because the other driver was drunk or on the phone than the drunk/distracted drivers dying themselves. And if you want to say that your life is your own, and you can



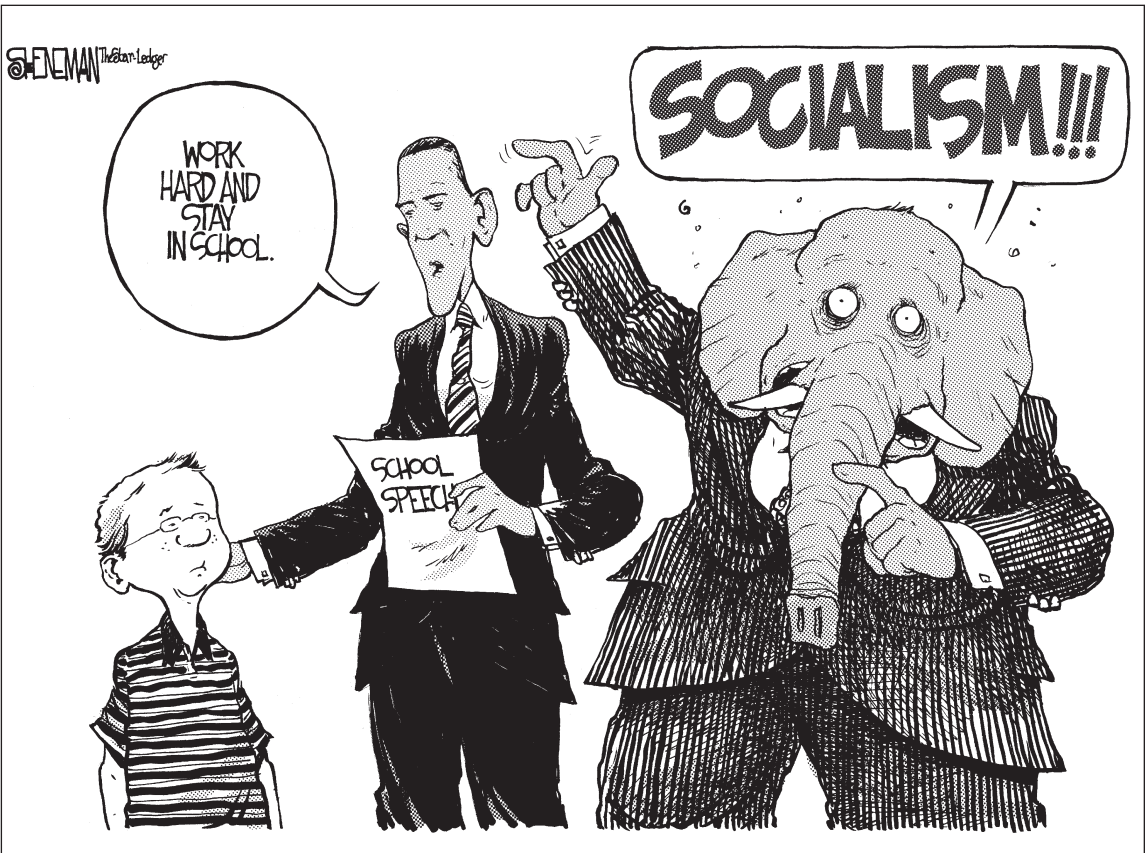
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choose whether or not to wear a seat belt, I have to ask: How lazy are you? You can't go three seconds out of your way each time you drive to potentially save your life?

I also want to talk about Lauck's accusation that all these new laws are a way to increase the income of police departments. Even if it's true, so what? We need the police force to survive as a country, and in today's economy, the budget of those paid to save our lives and maintain order in society is shrinking fast. They have two options: raise taxes (i.e. make everyone pay) or increase fines (i.e. make people who break the law pay).

I don't know about you, but I much prefer the latter to the former. And as for his use of Benjamin Franklin's famous quote ("They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"), since when has talking on a cell phone for 30 seconds less than your normal daily amount violated an "essential liberty"? It seems to me that if we just calmed down and accepted that there are good reasons for the laws that are passed, we would realize that laws are there to save lives.

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Green not just for lefties



Ever since Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" came out in 2006, environmentalism has been a political issue.

As well it should. The environment should be on the minds of politicians worldwide. But the wrong people are getting credit for the idea in the first place.

I've found that it's assumed that environmentalist and liberal are synonyms, and that's just not true.

When I consider those who pioneered the idea of preservation, I think of traditional conservatives. I think of the elderly people who are involved in recycling programs nationwide. I think of my grandparents, who have had a compost pile in their backyard since I can remember. They're about as far from hippies as it gets.

I spent many a summer in the hills of western Washington with my grandparents enjoying the natural beauty. They could be found picking up the litter left by careless people along the way.

Organizations like ConservAmerica, a non-profit, conservative environmental institution, are

informing Americans of right-wing involvement in preserving the nation's natural beauty.

According to its Web site, conservamerica.org, the organization says, "conservation and environmental protection suffer from partisan bickering," and "there is nothing partisan — and certainly nothing liberal — about practicing good stewardship of America's air, water, energy, and other natural resources."

At least someone has it right (pardon the pun).

I too find myself nauseated by the idea that the task of preserving this earth is on the shoulders of one party or another.

The political culture in this country is petty and hypocritical; it doesn't have to be stupid too.

Environmentalism not only extends past party lines, but it's also something that must be a national effort. That means the people will have to be involved.

As liberal politicians try to stake their claim on the issue, they should keep in mind that power in this country comes from citizen support. In order for people to support their environmental efforts, they have to eliminate party favoritism.

Other organizations, like the Heartland Institute, are getting it right by refusing to state any party affiliations. And they're encouraging people to focus on the issues at hand, not whether they apply to a

liberal or conservative agenda.

The organization calls its efforts "Common-Sense Environmentalism."

According to its Web site, heartland.org, "what distinguishes common-sense environmentalism from more extreme environmental activism is a commitment to fight real environmental problems rather than imagined ones."

The Heartland Institute has sponsored such gatherings as the International Conference on Climate Change, which took place in New York last spring. The conference focused mostly on global warming and presented all of the theories surrounding the issue. That's a clear improvement over Gore's strategy.

Although the Heartland Institute's common-sense environmentalism might be a stab at the partisan argument that the topic has become, it has the strategy and action to back up its words. It doesn't utilize propaganda to shock people into action. It doesn't act as if it's entitled to be the environment's hero, because it knows it can't do it alone.

It will take groups and individuals from all political ideologies to save our planet. I hope that's not an inconvenient truth for this country.

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Draw a line between loyal opposition and lack of patriotism



BENNETT PARSONS

A presidential address to American students about the importance of staying in school is not indoctrination. With 6.2 million high school dropouts (according to CNN) in 2007, we should be more concerned about having a society that keeps students in school so that they can realize their potential than we should be about the evil

President Barack Obama turning poor, innocent children into liberal demons.

This newest push against the president should alarm all Americans because it indicates that we no longer have a society where we can work together to fight for progress and justice. Instead, we now live in a country so politically polarized that we don't trust the president, a man who attended the finest institutions in the land, to deliver an honest message about being well-educated.

This molehill of a controversy fits squarely into the Republican playbook. I must admit that I understand the importance of a loyal

This ill-founded fear of the president needs to stop.

opposition. A loyal opposition is the lifeblood of a good democracy because it performs an important check on the ruling party and keeps us from making disastrous decisions.

That stated, it disappoints me to know that we have a loyal opposition so dedicated to regaining power that it distorts the truth and injects fear into the population. This opposition party has spread rumors that the president is not a natural-born citizen, plans on euthanizing the elderly and is hell-

bent on turning the country into a socialist empire. Radical members of the Republican Party even attend presidential town halls brandishing loaded weapons while threatening to "water the tree of life with the blood of tyrants."

This ill-founded fear of the president needs to stop. Barack Obama has not done a single thing to earn the title of socialist or communist nor does he have Nazi-like tendencies, like some on the right would have us believe.

Some reading this article might say the Democrats were just as awful to President Bush. Democrats did not protest President Bush based on fear or rumors. Instead,

they protested a war that had no just cause and an administration that played politics instead of focusing on the needs of the country.

In any case, we must realize that we have too much at stake, that the mistakes we make will have disastrous consequences. We must not fear so much that we believe the president will turn our children into liberal monsters. If Americans are to make progress and realize their potential, they must stop this backbiting and focus on ensuring that everyone receives a good education.

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NEWS



ODESSA AMERICAN MARK STERKEL / AP Photo
In this Aug. 28 photo, Margaret Forster, 82, dances with David Edwards during the dancing competition that is part of the 2009 Senior Olympics at Lincoln Towers in Odessa.

Senior Olympics a hit in Odessa

By Dominic Genetti
Odessa American

ODESSA (AP) — Her hair has turned white, her face has aged, and she's not as quick and young as she used to be. But that didn't stop Margaret Forster from dancing and participating at the 2009 Senior Olympics at the Lincoln Tower Retirement Center in Odessa.

The volleyball equipment was a bouncing ball and a children's tennis net, discuss was a battle to see who could throw a Frisbee the farthest, and dancing, which isn't your traditional Olympic competition, kept the 82-year-old Forster and several other Lincoln Tower and other area retirement residents busy.

"It's good for all of us," Forster said. "It keeps us bright and alert and active."

Events began with a dance competition. Two upbeat tunes and then a slow number. It allowed Forster and her dance partner to share a

friendly cuddle.

"That sure was fun," she said laughing with her teammates. "Hadden't done that in 50 years."

Forster isn't a stranger to the activities at Lincoln Tower since she herself is a retired nurse. At one time she owned nursing service companies in East and West Texas. At the same time, she was teaching nursing classes at Odessa College.

"It's not easy, because we were training older ladies at the time," she said. "We had about 100 students at a time."

In addition to her stint as a teacher, Forster has always had an avid interest in learning. At 52, she got her pilot's license, an experience that she says is "a man's job."

Recently she learned to play cards and now she's found another interesting tool to learn, a computer.

"It's a wireless, a little wireless," Forster tells her friends as she gestures her hands. "It's about this big, just like

a book."

Being a former nurse, her experience alone has helped not only residents at Lincoln Tower, but the employees as well.

"Margaret's a real go-getter," Activity Director Lexie Stephens said. "She does a lot; she's always on the go."

Forster also has the responsibility of leading the morning exercise classes Monday through Friday. The program allows her and the other residents to stay "happy and active" outside of the annual Senior Olympic festivities.

"If those residents aren't in there, she goes and gets them and brings 'em to class," Stephens said. "I don't know where she got (that spunk), but I wish I had some of it."

Words are hard to come by at times, but Forster just sits back smiles and stays humble.

"I've been able to help people here ... with different things in their lives," she said.

Food prices heading south

By Emily Fredrix and Sarah Skidmore
AP Food Industry Writers

Grocery shoppers are finally seeing some reprieve from last year's steep price increases.

Food prices are dropping on some key items as retailers slash prices to better compete and food makers do more promotions and pass along savings from lower ingredient and gasoline costs.

It's welcome relief for American consumers who are looking to save money as they cope with stagnant incomes, job loss and economic uncertainty.

Prices for dairy, meat, fruits, vegetables and bread have all fallen.

A Labor Department price index of food sold to be eaten at home fell for the seventh time in eight months in July. The index, which is part of the Consumer Price Index, fell 0.5 percent in the most recent month and is down 0.9 percent in the past 12 months.

In fact, overall food prices — what's sold in groceries and in restaurants — haven't risen on a monthly basis since November 2008.

Still, that doesn't make up for the surge in food prices

from last year, when costs for ingredients like wheat and corn and fuel costs for transportation soared to record highs. Food makers raised their prices and some even shrank package sizes to protect their profits. CPI's food-at-home index finished last year up 6.7 percent, so the less than 1 percent drop so far this year doesn't erase that.

But ingredient costs for major food makers, including Heinz, Kraft and Hormel, are down about 28 percent on average as of Sept. 1, from the same time last year, according to Jonathan Feeney, food analyst for Janney Montgomery Scott.

That means the food industry now has room to give back some of those price hikes — and feed the frugal consumer who is using more coupons, buying more store brands and switching to discounters to stretch a budget.

Consumers' demand to save money is pressuring retailers and manufacturers to cut everyday prices and boost promotions throughout their stores.

"The consumer really is very much in charge of the effort," said Herb Walter, a part-

ner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. "They're picking the price points they want and when they want it."

Safeway Inc. recently announced lower prices on milk, eggs, cheese and other basic items. Whole Foods Market Inc. says low prices on produce has meant significant savings for shoppers.

And Costco Wholesale Corp., which aims to be the first of its peers to lower prices and last to raise them, says prices are down on items from paper towels to prime-cut meat.

Costco's Chief Financial Officer Richard Gallanti said the company made some drastic moves in pricing, including reducing the price of its rotisserie chicken by \$1. The company sells just under 1 million of these chickens a week, so it hurt margins.

But Costco determined it would be worth it in the long run, and shoppers gobbled up the deal. The company said it helped solidify its position as a value-focused company, which is so important to consumers.

"I think across the board, people are spending less and spending more consciously," Gallanti said.



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In this May 27 photo, bread is seen on display at a market in Palo Alto, Calif.



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Head coach Gary Patterson watches the action in the second quarter against Stanford at the Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth on Sept. 13, 2008. The Horned Frogs defeated the Cardinal 31-14.

Patterson speaks in first media conference of season

By Josh Davis
Staff Reporter

Football coach Gary Patterson held his first media luncheon of the year Tuesday afternoon and discussed Saturday's game at Virginia with reporters from several media outlets.

Patterson said he is ready for the season opener.

"For me, because of watching everyone else play (last weekend), it raised my intensity for this ballgame because I got to watch everyone else play plus had a little bit more time (to prepare)," Patterson said.

The coach had a casual lunch with media members in attendance before moving in to the Four Sevens Team Room to take questions. Topics ranged from specifics about game planning for Virginia to his thoughts on BYU's upset of Oklahoma.

Patterson said he was not surprised by the upset.

"I told people all week that (Oklahoma vs. BYU)

was going to be a lot closer game than people were giving it credit for," Patterson said. "That's the reason why (I don't put much importance in) preseason rankings. Only the coach inside knows what his team has — leadership, chemistry, injury, you name it."

Patterson also mentioned that even though Oklahoma lost quarterback Sam Bradford in the second quarter, BYU was without their starting running back, Harvey Unga.

"The other guy (Bryan Kariya) ran hard, but Unga's a good football player," Patterson said. "I've tackled both, and I'd rather tackle (Kariya) than Unga. . . You have to play with what you have."

When asked if there was now a change in perception about the speed of Mountain West Conference teams and how they match up with BCS conference team, Patterson said a change in philosophy defensively has something to do with the change.

"Like this year, if you read what (BYU coach) Bronco Mendenhall talked about, he started putting linebackers to defensive end, started putting safeties to linebackers. That's what we've be doing forever to try to get more speed on the field," Patterson said. "You stay within your system, but you start changing your recruiting or you change your (methods.)"

As Patterson continued to discuss the Mountain West Conference coaches and their approaches, he said he doesn't expect a wait-and-see approach from coaches who have an inexperienced team.

"One of the things that has happened in our league is you have good football coaches and guys that are going out every week, and they're not just sitting there saying, 'We're going to play this year, and I have a young team so we're not going to be any good, but we'll grow up and we'll be better,'" Patterson said. "I don't think anybody is taking that approach."

New tennis teen star rocks world at Open

By Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Columnist

In the weeks leading up to the U.S. Open, the chatter boards were full of talk about what's wrong with women's tennis.

Too much grunting, and too many robotic Russians. A strange absence of compelling matches, particularly in recent Grand Slam events.

At the top of most lists, though, was this: There are no up-and-coming American stars in a sport that used to feature them by the handful.

Scratch that complaint now. The teenager from Georgia with "Believe" written on her pink-and-yellow shoes is making believers out of a lot of people in her coming out party at the U.S. Open.

Melanie Oudin isn't just the biggest thing to hit U.S. tennis since the Williams sisters began winning big a decade ago. She could be the fresh face that helps reinvigorate the sport in this country.

No, she's probably not going to beat Serena Williams in the final, assuming they both get that far. But she is making the women's draw at this Open seem almost as much fun as the days when Chris Evert was smashing two-handed backhand winners down the line.

And, at the tender age of 17, she's not afraid to make a statement that she is here to stay.

"I know that I can compete with the best in the world now," Oudin said, "and I will know that forever."

That's good news for the inevitable day when the Williams sisters decide to finally call it quits, either because of age or disinterest. Before Oudin's remarkable run in Queens, the

cupboard for rising young American female tennis players seemed even more bare than that of the men, who are done before the quarterfinals even begin.

But it's how Oudin is doing it that has generated such buzz. She had no aces Monday against Nadia Petrova, yet managed to win a chess game with her bigger and far more experienced opponent by moving her around the court with long rallies before finally catching her a step behind.

And, unlike a lot of other pretenders on the women's circuit, she doesn't seem afraid of losing, a trait that may mean more for her future success than the relentless way she patrols the baseline. She's come back from losing the first set in her last three matches to beat higher ranked opponents.

"I'm doing well and I'm winning, that's the only thing changing," Oudin said. "I did believe I could compete, it was just figuring out a way to win."



KATHY WILLENS / AP photo
Melanie Oudin of the United States celebrates her 1-6, 7-6(2), 6-3 upset victory over Nadia Petrova of Russia at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Monday.

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Famed photographer could lose life's work

By Ula Ilnytzky
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz risks losing the copyright to her images — and her entire life's work — if she doesn't pay back a \$24 million loan due Tuesday.

The lender, Art Capital Group, sued Leibovitz in July claiming she breached an agreement that authorized it to act as the agent in the sale of her photography and real estate.

Leibovitz spokesman Matthew Hiltzik said last week the photographer was working to resolve the situation.

Art Capital spokesman Montieth Illingworth said on Friday that the company has “clear contractual rights and will protect them in any scenario.”

“Our preference is for this to be resolved,” he added.

Neither side would say Tuesday whether they were meeting or if an agreement was possible. Representatives for both Leibovitz and the art lending company had made no public statements by the afternoon.

ACG is a Manhattan-based company that issues short-term loans against

fine and decorative arts and real estate.

Last year, the 59-year-old photographer put up as collateral her three historic Greenwich Village townhouses, a sprawling upstate New York property and the copyright to every picture she has ever taken — or will take — to secure the loan with ACG.

The company said she needed the money to deal with a “dire financial condition arising from her mortgage obligations, tax liens and unpaid bills to service providers and other creditors.”

ACG consolidated all her loans in September 2008. In its lawsuit, it charged that Leibovitz breached a December 2008 sales agreement with the company granting ACG the right to sell the collateral before the loan came due. The lawsuit claimed she refused to allow real estate experts into her homes to appraise their value and blocked the company from selling her photographs.

ACG has estimated the value of the Leibovitz portfolio at \$40 million; real estate brokers say her New York properties are worth about \$40 million.

Under the sales agree-

ment with Leibovitz, Illingworth said, the company would get 10 percent commission on the sale of Leibovitz's real estate and 15 percent on the sale of her portfolio. Leibovitz would get the remainder after paying off the \$24 million loan, interest and other fees, he said. If she defaults, the company would get a net 12 percent commission, after paying approximately 13 percent for costs and fees.

More legal problems for the photographer emerged last week when an Italian photographer accused Leibovitz in a Manhattan federal lawsuit of using his images in a calendar without his permission. The suit seeks unspecified damages. Hiltzik declined to comment.

Leibovitz's artsy, provocative portraits of celebrities regularly grace the covers of Vanity Fair and Vogue.

Over the years, her lens has captured such famous faces as John Lennon, Queen Elizabeth II and Bruce Springsteen. She gave the world its first glimpse of baby Suri, newborn daughter of Hollywood's superstar couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, on the cover of Vanity Fair, which she joined in 1983.



ORLANDO SENTINEL, JOE BURBANK / AP photo
Students Mirrikatiwatt Murray, left, and Donnell Gates, at the Nap Ford Charter School in Orlando, Fla., watch a webcast on a classroom computer of President Barack Obama as he delivers remarks from a school in Arlington, Va., on Tuesday.

Back-to-school speech rubs some parents the wrong way

By Kathy Matheson and Monica Rhor
Associated Press Writers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On the very first day of the school year, 12-year-old Mileena Rodriguez was reminded by President Barack Obama himself that hard work can take you places.

Mileena listened to Obama's plea to study hard and stay in school Tuesday, watching along with several of her classmates at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School and students across the country. For all the hubbub among adults over the back-to-school speech, many youngsters took the president's message to heart.

“He said that we're the future, and he's right,” said Mileena, who wants to be a forensic scientist. “That's a president telling you, ‘I care about you getting your education.’ Just imagine what kids like us can do if we actually listen.”

Schoolchildren from coast to coast watched on classroom TVs and computer screens. Others did not hear the message at all, either because their parents pulled from them from class or their schools refused to carry the speech over complaints from conservative groups and others that it smacked of political indoctrination.

In his speech, which aired on C-SPAN and the White House Web site, Obama used examples from his own life to urge students to study hard. He told them to stop chasing dreams of being athletes or reality TV stars.

“The truth is, being successful is hard. You won't love every subject you study. You won't click with every teacher. Not

every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to your life right this minute. And you won't necessarily succeed at everything the first time you try,” Obama said.

Other presidents, including Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, delivered similar speeches to students, but some conservatives accused Obama of trying to promote his policies, and they urged schools and parents to boycott the address. Florida Republican Party chairman Jim Greer initially called the speech an attempt to “spread President Obama's socialist ideology.”

The Department of Education was also criticized for proposed lesson plans distributed to

speech after all. Still, others were glad they kept their kids out of class.

“They don't need to be told by the president what their responsibilities are. It's the parents' responsibility to teach them that, not the government,” said Ryan Christensen, a carpet cleaner who asked that his 10-year-old daughter be pulled from a fifth-grade class watching the speech in Caldwell, Idaho.

In Marietta, Ga., the elementary school that Mollie Cushing's two daughters attend chose not to air the president's address. And that was just fine with Cushing.

“We're not really happy with the way the country is right now, so I don't have real warm fuzzies about the whole thing,” said Cushing, a stay-at-home mom and Republican.

The uproar followed Obama to Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., where he delivered the speech. A small band of protesters greeted his motorcade when it arrived at the school outside the nation's capital. One carried a sign reading: “Mr. President, stay away from our kids.”

Karen Miller, a former PTA official and a longtime education activist in the Houston area, said she initially had concerns about the speech and accompanying lesson plans. “Whenever a political figure goes to a public school, one has to be very cautious,” she said.

After hearing the speech, however, Miller said she found it inspiring.

“The message he gave to children was so appropriate, that you shape your destiny no matter the hand you're dealt,” she said. “The message was absolutely on target. I had chills.”

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accompany the speech, including a section — later changed — that asked students to write about how they could help the president.

Schools were not required to show the speech, and the White House posted an advance transcript on its Web site on Monday. After they got a look at the text, many critics, including Greer, backed off, and some schools agreed to show the



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Photographer Annie Leibovitz speaks about her portrait of Queen Elizabeth II at her gallery exhibition, Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005, at the Corcoran Museum of Art in Washington.

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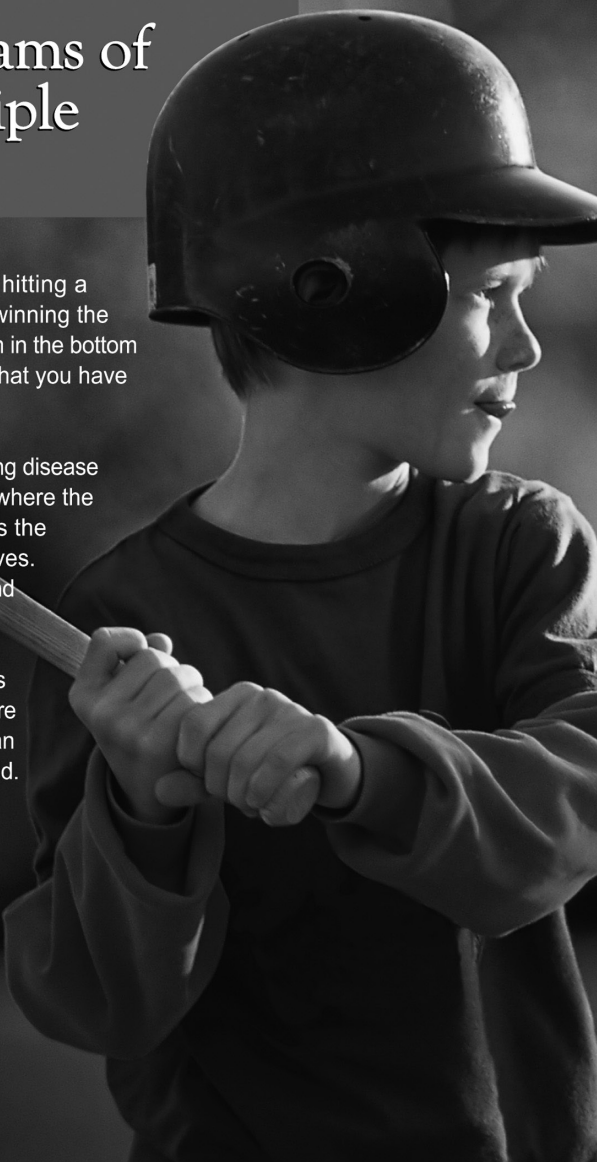
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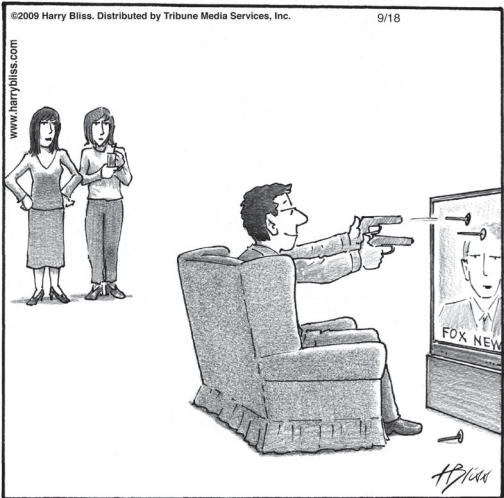
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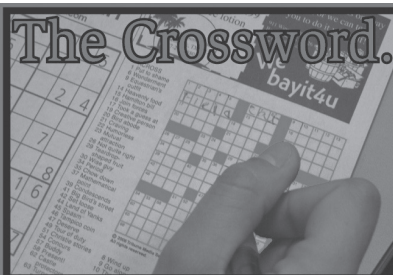
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- 11 King Kong, for one
- 12 Before, in poetry
- 13 Peru's capital
- 14 Actress Vardalos
- 15 Thought
- 16 Actress Gardner's namesakes
- 17 News magazine series host
- 20 Stallone, to friends
- 21 Asner and Bradley
- 22 Takes advantage of
- 25 New immigrant's class, for short
- 26 Arthur
- 29 "___ Living"; cooking, craft and homemaking series
- 33 Apple pie ___ mode
- 34 Bart Simpson's grandpa
- 35 Lead role on "JAG"
- 36 Responses to pinpricks
- 37 Dined
- 39 Fashion reality series
- 46 Stop
- 47 Wolf Blitzer's "The Situation ___"

DOWN

- 1 "The Big ___ Theory"
- 2 Mayberry resident
- 3 Smokey or Yogi
- 4 Singer Helen
- 5 Sandwich cookie
- 6 "Mommie ___"; Faye Dunaway movie
- 7 Czechs and Poles
- 8 Honeybee's home
- 9 Sharif or Epps
- 10 "He ___ Quiet Man"; Christian Slater film
- 15 "___ Fly Away"
- 18 Helper; abbr.
- 19 Eric ___; Monty Python member
- 22 Ms. Thurman
- 23 Actor Mineo
- 24 Historical period
- 25 WNW plus 180°
- 26 Sheep's cry
- 27 Goof up
- 28 Bank teller alternative, for short
- 30 "Laugh-in" regular
- 31 Soaks up
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Frogs ranked 16th in AP, USA Today polls

By **Ralph D. Russo**
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — BYU barged into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll, making the biggest jump of any team from the preseason rankings after scoring the biggest upset of the opening weekend of the regular season.

The Cougars jumped 11 spots to No. 9 in the Top 25 released Tuesday, three days after they stunned Oklahoma 14-13 as three-touchdown underdogs.

Cougars quarterback Max Hall said the victory has energized Provo, Utah, and the BYU campus.

“For the first time there were people at the airport to greet the team. About 2,000 people were out there when we got back,” he said. “The overall atmosphere has been really cool and we’re enjoying it.”

Florida was still an overwhelming No. 1, receiving 56 of 60 first-place votes, two less than last week. Texas held steady at No. 2, with two first-place votes.

USC will be No. 3 when it visits No. 8 Ohio State on Saturday in one of the biggest nonconference games of the season. The Trojans moved up a spot this week and the Buckeyes fell after narrowly escaping with a 31-27 victory against Navy.

No. 4 Alabama moved up one spot after its 34-24 victory against Virginia Tech and persuaded two voters to pick them as the top-ranked team in the country.

No. 5 Oklahoma State moved up four spots after an impressive 24-10 victory against Georgia. The Cowboys have their best ranking since October 1985. The loss dropped the Bulldogs eight spots to No. 21.

No. 6 Mississippi, No. 7 Penn State and No. 10 California round out the top 10.

Oklahoma dropped 10 spots to No. 13 after losing, but all things considered the Sooners are probably feeling much better about their long-term outlook now than they were Saturday night at Dallas Cowboys Stadium.

BYU is no stranger to the top 10. The Cougars were ranked as high as eighth last season. But BYU stumbled in its biggest games, suffering lopsided losses to Mountain West Conference rivals TCU and Utah, then losing to Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl.

“Our football team, we have three goals ... winning a conference championship, winning the state championship and going to a bowl game and winning it. We didn’t do any of them,” Hall said during a conference call with reporters. “Even though we won 10 games, we were upset with the way it ended.”

BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said the Oklahoma victory should give a boost to the whole Mountain West Conference, which has been fighting for more access to the Bowl Championship Series.

“I do think that the game and how we played helped our conference, helped our team and helped the exposure of the fight that we’re all kind of engaged in as our league is trying to gain credibility,” Mendenhall said.

BYU travels to New Orleans to face Tulane on Saturday before playing their first home game on Sept. 19 against Florida State, one of three teams to fall out of the rankings this week.

Oregon and Iowa also fell out. Moving into the Top 25 were Miami, Cincinnati and Missouri.

THE AP TOP 25			
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3. Southern Cal	1 - 0	1,355	4
4. Alabama	1 - 0	1,331	5
5. Oklahoma St.	1 - 0	1,201	9
6. Mississippi	1 - 0	1,095	8
7. Penn St.	1 - 0	1,082	9
8. Ohio St.	1 - 0	985	6
9. BYU	1 - 0	984	20
10. California	1 - 0	971	12
11. LSU	1 - 0	890	11
12. Boise St.	1 - 0	882	14
13. Oklahoma	0 - 1	782	3
14. Virginia Tech	0 - 1	652	7
15. Georgia Tech	1 - 0	630	15
16. TCU	0 - 0	523	17
17. Utah	1 - 0	404	19
18. Notre Dame	1 - 0	383	23
19. North Carolina	1 - 0	338	21
20. Miami	1 - 0	315	—
21. Georgia	0 - 1	294	13
22. Nebraska	1 - 0	266	24
23. Cincinnati	1 - 0	248	—
24. Kansas	1 - 0	196	25
25. Missouri	1 - 0	126	—
Others receiving votes: Oregon St. 113, Michigan St. 83, Pittsburgh 82, Texas Tech 53, Oregon 47, Clemson 40, Florida St. 39, West Virginia 32, Tennessee 30, Iowa 24, Michigan 18, UCLA 18, Baylor 17, Boston College 14, Arizona 12, East Carolina 6, Air Force 4, Auburn 4, Colorado St. 4, Arkansas 3, South Carolina 3, Houston 1, South Florida 1, Southern Miss. 1, Tulsa 1.			

LSU was No. 11 and No. 12 Boise State moved up two spots after beating Oregon 19-8 on Thursday.

Virginia Tech’s opening loss dropped the Hokies seven spots

to No. 14.

No. 15 Georgia Tech, was followed by TCU and Utah.

Notre Dame’s 35-0 victory against Nevada helped the Fighting Irish climb five spots

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RANKINGS	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1. Florida	1 - 0	1,472	1
2. Texas	1 - 0	1,407	2
3. Southern Cal	1 - 0	1,352	4
4. Alabama	1 - 0	1,299	5
5. Penn State	1 - 0	1,145	8
6. Oklahoma State	1 - 0	1,114	11
7. Ohio State	1 - 0	1,106	6
8. Mississippi	1 - 0	1,006	10
9. LSU	1 - 0	977	9
10. California	1 - 0	935	12
11. Boise State	1 - 0	803	16
12. BYU	1 - 0	755	24
13. Georgia Tech	0 - 1	685	15
14. Oklahoma	0 - 1	682	3
15. Virginia Tech	1 - 0	633	7
16. TCU	0 - 0	543	17
17. Utah	1 - 0	503	18
18. Nebraska	1 - 0	360	22
19. North Carolina	1 - 0	358	20
20. Notre Dame	1 - 0	335	23
21. Georgia	0 - 1	304	13
22. Miami	1 - 0	276	—
23. Cincinnati	1 - 0	187	—
24. Oregon State	1 - 0	169	25
25. Kansas	1 - 0	139	—
Others receiving votes: Michigan State 133; Missouri 97; Iowa 70; Florida State 62; Texas Tech 53; Oregon 50; Pittsburgh 26; Clemson 24; South Carolina 23; Tennessee 21; Auburn 13; West Virginia 13; South Florida 12; Kentucky 8; Arizona 5; Michigan 4; Northwestern 4; Boston College 3; Arkansas 2; Baylor 2; UCLA 2; Colorado State 1; Minnesota 1; Tulsa 1.			

to No. 18.

North Carolina was No. 19 and Miami moved into the poll at No. 20 after a thrilling 38-34 victory Monday night against Florida State in Tallahassee.

The final five were Georgia, Nebraska, Cincinnati, Kansas and Missouri.

The Big 12 has six ranked teams, the most of any conference.

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